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1. VIETNAM'S UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION --

INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL TOLD AMB LEONARD THAT A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF NONALIGNED DELEGATIONS AGREED WITH THE VIETNAMESE ON THE DESIRED LANGUAGE FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO UN MEMBERSHIP. HE ADDED THAT IT IS STANDARD LANGUAGE AND IDENTICAL WITH THAT USED IN THE DJIBOUTI ADMISSION RESOLUTION JUL Y7. INDIA WAS DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROUNDING UP COSPONSORS, AND JAIPAL ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO COSPONSOR. HE SAID FRANCE HAD INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO COSPONSOR. (WHEN VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP WAS CONSIDERED BY THE SC IN NOV. 1976, THERE WERE 11 COSPONSORS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, THE UK, CANADA AND FRG HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO CONSULT

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WITH US REGARDING COSPONSORSHIP.)

JAIPAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE VIETNAMESE EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR A LONG SC MEETING SPANNING SEVERAL SESSIONS, BUT NONALIGNED REPRESENTATIVES DISCOURAGED THAT. HE SAID THE GROUP TOOK NO DECISION ON SPEAKERS LIST OR LENGTH OF MEETING AND THE VIETNAMESE WENT AWAY OBVIOUSLY DISSATISFIED AND PROBABLY INTENDING TO COMMENCE ORGANIZING THEIR OWN LIST OF SPEAKERS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2239, 2248)

2. NAMIBIA --

AMB MCHENRY HELD HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION WITH AHTISAARI, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, WHICH COVERED VARIETY OF ISSUES RELATING TO WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE, AND WAS NOTABLE FOR REVEALING AHTISAARI'S FRUSTRATION WITH SYG WALDHEIM'S RELUCTANCE TO UNDERTAKE ANY CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA. AHTISAARI APPEARED ANXIOUS TO HAVE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING, BEFORE LEAVING FOR THREE-WEEK VACATION IN FINLAND, OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE HAD ADVISED SWAPO UN REP GURIRAB THAT MEETING

OF SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA WITH CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ALL. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHAT CONTACT GROUP CONSIDERED TIME SCHEDULE ON NAMIBIA TO BE; WHAT WESTERN FIVE KNEW ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN; AND TO WHAT EXTENT SAG MILITARY WOULD BE PRESENT IN NAMIBIA DURING ELECTION PROCESS AND HOW THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD BE EXPECTED TO REACT TO IDEA OF UN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA. AFTER MCHENRY SAID THE CONTACT GROUP UNFORTUNATELY FOUND SYG WALDHEIM RELUCTANT TO DEVELOP ANY CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR UN INVOLVEMENT WITHOUT FIRST RECEIVING ENCOURAGEMENT TO DO SO FROM SWAPO, AHTISAARI COMMENTED, "AH, YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT, TOO," AND ADDED HE HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET UN TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR

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WESTERN FIVE AGREED TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN TEXT OF
TALKING POINTS TO SOUTH AFRICA, REVIEWED RELEVANT PORTION
OF FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S JUNE 24 UN PRESS CONFERENCE
CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY FORCES FROM NAMIBIA,
AND DISCUSSED FUNDING OF PROPOSED SWAPO TALKS IN NEW YORK.
THE FIVE ALSO DESIGNATED A THREE-MAN DRAFTING TEAM WHICH
WILL PREPARE A SYNOPSIS OF THE PELCOVITS STUDY, AND AGREED
TO BRIEF THE SCANDINAVIANS AS A GROUP ON THE WESTERN
INITIATIVE AND BEGIN GIVING INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS TO
AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK ON A SYSTEMATIC BASIS.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2242, 2250)

3. COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO --

RAPPORTEUR GLAYEL (SYRIA) TOLD MISOFF THAT HE IS
SEEKING TO ENSURE THAT THE UPDATE OF THE 1974 COMMITTEE OF
24 REPORT ON PUERTO RICO IS OBJECTIVE AND BALANCED,
AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE OUR COMMENTS ON ANY
"MISTAKES" THAT WE PERCEIVE AND THAT IF PERSUADED HE
WOULD CHANGE THE REPORT ACCORDINGLY. HE ANTICIPATES
RETURNING A CORRECTED DRAFT TO THE SECRETARIAT WEEK OF
JULY 18 AND THAT THE REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED JUST PRIOR
TO THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO ON AUG. 15.

USUN LEARNED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING
ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PETITIONED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COM-
MITTEE WHEN IT CONSIDERS PUERTO RICO: PUERTO RICAN PEACE
COUNCIL; CHRISTIANS FOR SOCIALISM; NATIONAL COMMITTEE
IN FAVOR OF LIBERTY FOR NATIONALIST POLITICAL PRISONERS;
PUERTO RICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK; PUERTO
RICANS AGAINST STATEHOOD; COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO

RICO; AND AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION. IN ADDITION;
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THERE ARE ALSO SOME INDIVIDUAL PETITIONERS NOT REPRESENT-
ING ORGANIZATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2245, 2246)

4. US MILITARY BASES IN GUAM --

ALTHOUGH THE COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON
SMALL TERRITORIES ADOPTED LANGUAGE ON THE US MILITARY
PRESENCE IN GUAM WHICH IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR,
THE COMMITTEE OF 24 DRAFT CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON MILITARY
ACTIVITIES CONTAINS SUBSTANTIALLY HARSHER LANGUAGE ON
MILITARY BASES THAN LAST YEAR. SEALY (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)
TOLD MISOFF HE VIEWED THE LANGUAGE IN THE CONSENSUS, AS
DO MANY OTHERS, AS REFLECTING THE "HEATING UP OF THE COLD
WAR" AT THE UN. COMMITTEE SECRETARY TANAKA PERSONALLY
DOUBTS ANY CHANGE IN THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES LANGUAGE IS
POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE POSITIONS ARE SO DIAMETRICALLY OP-
POSED, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA)
MIGHT BE ABLE TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE SOMEWHAT. GLAYEL
(SYRIA) AND DUBEY (INDIA) WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC EITHER
ABOUT IMPROVING THE LANGUAGE, DUBEY CITING INCREASING

US/SOVIET TENSIONS AS THE CAUSE FOR THE OBJECTIONABLE
LANGUAGE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2251)

5. RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE --

DURING THE COMMITTEE'S JULY 11 MEETING, JUO (PRC)
LAUNCHED A HARSH VERBAL ATTACK ON THE USSR IN WHICH, IN
ADDITION TO THE USUAL "SOCIALIST-IMPERIALIST" CHARGES, HE
DENOUNCED A SOVIET MISSION PRESS RELEASE THAT CLAIMED
THE PRC HAD BEEN BUYING LARGE AMOUNTS OF GOLD FROM SOUTH
AFRICA AND CHROME ORE FROM RHODESIA, AND BRANDED THE RELEASE AS
TANTAMOUNT TO A THIEF CRYING THIEF. SOVIETS, TAKEN BY
SURPRISE, REPLIED ONLY TO RECALL THAT PRC HAD SIDED WITH
IMPERIALIST COLONIALIST POWERS DURING THE ANGOLA WAR.
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6. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE --

AS THE FINAL WEEK OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE

LOS CONFERENCE BEGAN, CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY EXISTED REGARDING THE PROBABLE SHAPE OF THE COMMITTEE I PORTION OF THE COMPOSITE TEXT. ALTHOUGH EVENSEN PREPARED REVISED COMPROMISE TEXTS FOR CERTAIN KEY ARTICLES, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT CHAIRMAN ENGO WILL TRANSMIT THEM INTACT TO PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE. FURTHERMORE, THE ISSUE OF A FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TEXT WAS STILL BEING HOTLY DEBATED, AND RUMORS PERSISTED THAT ENGO WOULD INTRODUCE HIS OWN PROPOSAL ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. IN RECENT DAYS, ENGO HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS FROM DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING THE US) PLEADING THEIR CASES ON VARIOUS ISSUES. COMMITTEE II HELD ITS LAST SCHEDULED MEETING FOR THE SESSION, AND COMMITTEE III HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO SUMMARIZE RESULTS OF THE SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2232)

7. UNFICYP TROOP REDUCTION --

USYG URQUHART INFORMED AMB LEONARD THAT THE UN HAS DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST AN IRISH CONTINGENT FOR UNFICYP TO REPLACE THE DEPARTING FINNISH TROOPS. HE NOTED THAT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS DECISION WAS UN CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONING OF UNFICYP OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, AND HE HOPED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF US CONTRIBUTION. HE REITERATED EARLIER APPEAL FOR US SUPPORT IN RESPONDING TO EXPECTED GREEK PROTEST. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2234)

8. ASSAULT ON MEMBER OF SOVIET UN MISSION --
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AFTER MANY UNSUCCESSFUL CALLS AND VISITS TO THE SOVIET MISSION BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FBI IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW COL. CHERNYSHEV CONCERNING THE ASSAULT INCIDENT JULY 7, THE SOVIETS INFORMED THE FBI THAT CHERNYSHEV WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AS HE WAS RETURNING TO THE SOVIET UNION. THEY ADDED THAT THE ONLY INFORMATION HE COULD HAVE FURNISHED WAS THAT HE WAS "ACCOSTED FROM BEHIND BY TWO UNKNOWN WHITE MALES" WHO SAID "GIVE US YOUR MONEY."

SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP OVINNIKOV, DURING PRELIMINARY CHAT BEFORE DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER SUBJECT, COMMENTED TO AMB LEONARD THAT THE SOVIETS WERE PUZZLED ABOUT THE INCIDENT BECAUSE CHERNYSHEV WAS NOT ROBBED. ALTHOUGH HE SUFFERED CUTS AND ABRASIONS ABOUT THE HEAD AND FACE AND WAS TEMPORARILY KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS, HE WAS UP AND ABOUT TENDING HIS DUTIES IN THE MISSION, SOVIETS ADDED. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2231, 2241)

9. NEGOTIATIONS ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION --

FROM SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, MISOFF LEARNED THAT THE SYG IS SENDING TELEGRAM JULY 13 TO FOREIGN MINISTER OF MEMBERS GOVERNMENT OF UNIDO CONVENING CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES AUG. 29, REQUESTING NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS BU JULY 29, AND STATING THAT LETTER PROVIDING DETAILS WILL FOLLOW. ALTHOUGH LETTER ON RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON UNIDO CONSITUTION IS ALREADY DRAFTED, HE SAID, THERE IS STILL UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHAT TITLE TO GIVE TO THE CONFERENE.
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THE BRAZILIAN MISSION INFORMED USUN BY NOTE THAT BRAZIL IS PRESENTING THE CANDIDACY OF ANTONIO FONSECA PIMENTEL FOR REELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AT THE 32ND GA. (USUN A-631)

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